

SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 1872.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Before another issue of the GAZETTE will reach our readers Christmas, the one thousand, eight hundred and seventy second anniversary of the birth of Christ, will have come and gone. A mighty long stretch for the Christian faith to develop and spread over the world. But has it spread? has it developed? Nearly nineteen centuries have passed since "Peace on earth and good will to man" resounded in the stillness of the night as a token that a new era had dawned upon mankind, and after the ascension of Him whose birth was thus announced, the apostles and disciples of the new Church went forth to teach and explain that peace. Now, as then, thousands of missionaries traverse the sea and land to preach Christ in the wilderness; millions of earthly treasures are expended to bring the heathen within Christianity; but how is this faith spreading and developing itself at home? Are those who call themselves the Apostles of the Church of Christ what they pretend to be? Do they teach Christ, the Son of Man; the meek and humble who dwell on earth to redeem the sinners or are they preaching and serving the Mammoth? The "Almighty Dollar" of today has taken the place of the meek Jesus. The richer in worldly treasures the rependent heathen and born Christian, the more rejoicing in the Church of Him who enjoined his disciples to neither carry gold nor treasures but to humbly teach the crucified and resurrected Christ. The poor heathen must be brought within the ban of faith by men who are dwelling in costly palaces; palatial edifices are necessary now-a-days to preach the gospel in and he who contributes the most "Cash" is considered the best Christian. Thousands of ignorant urchins are forced to pass the cold and bitter night of the anniversary of the Birth of Christ, naked, starving and forlorn in the streets of Christian Nations and Cities while the Masters of Theology and their disciples feast themselves in luxury and plenty. Indians are pitied for their ignorance of the commandments of the Church, and white men, Christians, are abandoned, left without protection and blamed if defending themselves, their life and property, against the rapacious king of the forest.

A Merry Christmas! Oh, would to God that we could call it so, in deed. Would that we with pride could cast our eyes around us to see merry and glad hearts. But far from it.

There is more fear that the heathen, who comes to dwell among us, will convert so-called Christian to Paganism, than that we make Christians of them. That there are some Christians, good, real Christians, in existence we do not doubt, but they are few and far between.

Hypocrites and fanatics, yes, there are plenty of them, and if those Simon pure Puritans, who so much lament the condition of the abused noble red, would only leave the secure domiciles of their ancestors and come out to the frontier, where each day mother earth is drenched in blood and where the "poor, innocent, religion and education seeking Indian" could show them his real nature, taking hold of their scalp locks and piously tease them with fiendish tortures to distribute among them a few more tracts, then, indeed, might we sing "Peace on earth and good will to man."

But as long as there remains a single roaming Indian who is protected and upheld by the government in his hellish acts, fed and supplied with arms and ammunition and coaxed into treaties after committing their atrocities upon our daring frontiersmen, there will be no Merry Christmas for us in store.

Men like Gen. Crook could be our Saviours, our Redeemers; in such as him we could trust and rely.

May Mars protect and guide him, and transport all his enemies to the happy hunting ground.

## COMMERCIAL HONOR.

Two centuries ago, it was thought a great insult in the Highlands of Scotland to ask a note from a debtor. It was considered the same as saying, "I doubt your honor." If parties had small business matters to transact together, they stepped out into the open air, fixed their eyes on the heavens, and each repeated his obligation with no mortal witness. A mark was then carved in some rock or tree near by to be a remembrance

of the compact. Such a thing as a breach of contract, we are told, was then very rarely met with, so highly did the people regard their honor, and so truly did they fear him beneath whose eye they performed such acts.

When the march of improvement brought in the new mode of doing business, they were often pained by these innovations. An anecdote is handed down of a farmer who had been to the Lowlands and learned worldly wisdom. On returning to his native parish he had need of a sum of money, and made bold to ask a loan of a gentleman of means, named Stewart. This was cheerfully granted. Mr. S. counted out the gold on his literary table. This done, the farmer took a pen and wrote a receipt and offered it to the gentleman.

"What is this man?" cried Mr. Stewart, sternly eyeing the slip of paper.

"It's a receipt, sir, binding me to give yer back yer gold at the right time," replied Sandy.

"Binding ye? well, my man, if ye canna trust yersel, I'm sure I'll na trust ye! Ye canna ha' my gold!" and gathering it up he put it back in his desk and turned the key on it.

"But, sir, I might die," replied the canny Scotchman, bringing up an argument in favor of his new wisdom, "and my sons might refuse it to you. But this bit o' paper wad compel them."

"Compel them to sustain a dead father's honor," cried the high minded Scot. "They'll need compelling to do right if this is the road yer lead them. I'll neither trust ye nor them. Ye can gang elsewhere for money! But ye'll find nae in this parish that'll put more faith in a bit o' paper than in a neighbor's word o' honor and his fear o' God!"

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Local or special notices will be charged at twenty-five cents per line for each insertion.

Extra copies of the GAZETTE for sale at this office at 10 cts. a piece.

TO THE LADIES.—Dr. Hooper's Pills, established fifty years, are a certain remedy for all female difficulties. Beware of worthless and cheap imitations—get the genuine, new style, sugar coated—forty pills in each box with full directions.

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We take pleasure in announcing to the public, especially to the Mexican population, that Mr. Aoy has been appointed director of public schools for San Miguel county. Mr. A. has long and favorably been known to our community as a man of perseverance and sterling integrity. For years he has labored to have free schools established and well he merits to be at the head of that institution of which, with all due honor to him he was the first and constant advocate through the columns of his little sheet, the *Advertiser*.

Complete sets of furs and ladies' velvet cloaks at J. Rosenwald & Co.

Fritz Buschner, a resident of Cherry Valley, was found dead in his house a few days ago with abundant signs upon his body and fingerprints on his throat that a fierce struggle must have taken place before his death. Suspicion points to one of his neighbors to be the assassin, who, it may be recollected, was shot and wounded him. Until yet all is a mystery, but we feel confident that murder will let out.

Having made heavy addition to our very large stock, we will sell, for cash, cheaper than ever before. J. Rosenwald & Co.

Hall of Chapman Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M.

Las Vegas N. M., Dec. 21, 1872. There will be a regular meeting of Chapman Lodge No. 95, held this evening as also an election of officers. All members and Brethren in good standing are invited to attend.

The Elizabeth Railway Press and Telegraph, after being sadly misused for two weeks on our table, comes to us with a new dress: size better paper, with one side printed in the Chinese or some outlandish language which we are unable to decipher. What is up, Brother Dawson, have you been snowed in?

Couldn't a few more of our eastern craftsmen join hand with those indefatigable expounders of monopolies, the Messrs. Geo. P. Howell & Co., publishers of the *American Newspaper Reporter* who seem determined to have the enormous prices of type reduced to the old standard?

To those of our patrons who have subscribed for only three months we wish to say that the GAZETTE has already outlived its first quarter; and that we would be very much pleased if they would send us their remittance for another quarter or more without delay.

We are with pleasure that Mr. T. Tucker, of the Santa Fe New Mexico, who for several days had been gravely ill and sick and is again up and a-doing.

At last the old gentleman with silver locks and beard, Mr. Winter, has made his appearance around Las Vegas and is now in garments.

The popular firm of A. Letcher & Co., have lately received a large stock of excellent merchandise, holiday goods, a specialty, which they offer to sell cheaper than the cheapest, for nothing to sell almost.

During the week just ending a detachment of recruits, en route to Santa Fe, pass through our town and made it quite lively, at least for one night, around the Warranted-to-kill at forty yards whiskey shops.

Every day brings additional testimony that the revolver is coming more and more into use and power. Is there no redress for this tendency towards the reign of might instead of right?

To advertise is to cast your lines in gold on water. You may catch a fish. If you do, it is your gain. But if you do not catch your line at all, it is certain that you will catch nothing.

A Griesinger, at his new stand, keeps the choicest meats, sausages and head-cheese always on hand which he will sell cheaper than any other butcher around town. Go and see him.

Although the year is nearly run out, freight trains from the East are constantly arriving here, either to replenish the stock of Las Vegas merchants, or to go still further South.

Another race is to come off here on the 6th of January between the horses of Messrs. Duenzo, Gonzales and John Pandares for \$800 a side; distance to be run one mile.

## OPPOSITION.

I will sell meat at present at the following prices:

Beef, choice cuts	7 cts per lb.
" fore quarter	5 " "
Pork,	15 " "
Mutton,	8 " "
Pork sausages	20 " "
Liver "	10 " "
Beef "	15 " "

E. L. KENDRICK.

## BRIEFS.

Texas is swarmed with emigrants.

General Nichols of Confederate notoriety died lately at Galveston, Texas.

The Rev. Denis Flanagan, parish priest of Sanctori, county Kildare, is dead.

Several of the soldiers at Fort Bridger have taken Indian wives and are rearing families.

Annexation meetings are held all over British North America to advocate their joining the United States.

Efforts are being now made in West Virginia to have the capital removed from Charleston to some inland place.

Indians are keeping their hand in their usual game of kidnapping children and running off stock in Texas just now.

Thurlock Weed has written a letter declaring the impracticability of carrying out civil service reform as now projected.

The San Diego, (Cal.) *Globe* is in favor of creating a State out of Southern California and Arizona. Wish them success.

The St. Paul, (Minn.) *Irish Times*, says that a short time ago a brutal outrage was committed upon an old man, named Kieley, in company with his daughter and son-in-law, was proceeding homeward from Tipperary, by a certain young man, named Patrick Greene. It appears that the injured man and his daughter were, some ten or twelve years ago, arrested on charge of having murdered Greene, the prisoner's father, were for a time detained in custody and subsequently liberated, the crime which they were accused never having been substantiated against them. Family feuds existed ever since and have now come to a deplorable climax. Kieley is fast sinking.

The San Diego and San Francisco capitalists intend to inaugurate one of the grandest agricultural enterprises ever before witnessed on the Pacific coast.

The citizens in some parts of Texas are killing their cattle for the price of the hides, for fear that they might perish during the winter, from want of pasture.

Thomas Scott and his wife, Fanny Scott, were burned to cinders last month, at Belfast, Ireland, having returned home together in an intoxicated condition.

New Orleans, La., and Houston, Texas, are to be united by a railroad within twelve months or within a year, says a dispatch from President. We begrudge them.

Italy is again awakening from her slumber of inactivity. A steamship company has been formed lately at Milan with a capital of \$2,000,000 to put a fleet of steamers on different foreign lines.

The Southern States are getting up quite a lively opposition to the New England manufacturer, 100,000 spindles are already in running order and the dividends on capital invested are from 10 to 20 per cent.

Fifty miners in the Carbon mine, Colorado, have struck and declared to be their intention not to allow anybody else to work there until the employer, a Mr. Breed, shall come down to their demands.

The Galveston *News* says that Asafedita on brille bis is considered a good disinfectant, and by many gentlemen who have tried it, as a good preventive for epidemic. Our citizens may do well to try it with their horses, before it may be too late.

In the South Carolina legislature the negroes have a majority of four in the Senate and in the house they are two to one, and as a white man and three negroes are candidates for the U. S. senate it is said that at present money is circulating freely to get the former elected.

A colored soldier, corporal in Co. I, 9th U. S. Cavalry, attempted to break into the bedroom of the wife of Lieut. Kendall, who was absent on duty at the time, and had the top of his head blown off by a revolver in the hands of the courageous lady at Fort Davis, Texas, recently.

The United States forces had a desperately contested fight with the Modoc Indians in California, who refused to go on a reservation. Fifteen Indians went to the happy hunting grounds and all the women and children and many horses captured. One soldier was killed and four wounded; citizens Wm. Nash and — Huerfano were also killed. Truly the peace policy is a decided success. Keep the ball going.

A terrible accident occurred on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad about fifty miles west of Harrisburg, Dec. 16th. The second section of the Cincinnati express, bound east, ran into the first section and telescoped two Pullman cars. Five bodies have been removed from the debris.

The names of the killed are as follows: Matthew Knowles and J. W. Bacon, both of Chicago; W. W. Dantz, wife and child, of Green Lake. Five persons were injured, none seriously. Every person on the second train was uninjured.

## Telegraph News.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Tribune trustees held a meeting yesterday, when all the members were present. Mr. Sinclair brought forward the Colfax proposition, but six out of eight of the trustees were opposed to it, sustaining Reid in the conduct of the paper, and urging that he be retained, with no instructions save to continue carrying out the policy of Mr. Greeley's "card." After it was decided that no change would be made in the policy, Sinclair went to work to make up a pool of the stockholders to sell a controlling interest; it is understood that he with Dr. J. C. Ayer, and the representatives of the estates of several deceased stockholders, not including Greeley's nearly or quite made up the twenty-five shares needed; they proposed selling at the rate of \$1,000,000 to a combination representing the telegraph and administration interests. Reid said in case the policy and proprietors thus changed, he would also sell out four shares and retire at once. It transpired to-day, that at the meeting, Reid protested against Sinclair's proposal to change the ground on which Mr. Greeley placed the paper in his card, and said Sinclair was the last man who ought to do this injustice to Mr. Greeley's memory, because it was through Mr. Sinclair's solicitation long continued that Greeley finally consented to become a candidate. Sinclair admitted that he urged Greeley to it and that he wrote letters over the country to further Greeley's chances at Cincinnati; he knew that Greeley would not support Grant, and he thought the next best thing was to get him to be the candidate himself. Reid said he had not favored Greeley's candidacy, and discouraged him from it to Cincinnati as his representative; but he believed in the platform adopted there as Greeley did, and would not remain in charge of the Tribune if that platform was opposed, and the position it was placed in by Greeley's "card" and latest writings was fully abandoned as he understood to be now proposed.

A Paris dispatch to the Times says it is more than ever evident that a majority of the assembly is opposed to Thiers, and that one or the other must yield; the country supports Thiers.

Louisville, Dec. 16.—Phil. Arnold whose property was recently attached at the instance of Wm. Lent on account of the recent California diamond swindle publishes a loud defence in the Courier Journal denying the charges, and saying he never sold a property to, had any contract with, or received money from a Lent at any time; he denies the fields were salted by him, but alleges the property was honestly made, and the transactions in regard to it were all between himself, Slack, Harpending and G. D. Roberts, and were all fair and after a full investigation by all the parties; he charges Lent with being in a powerful and unscrupulous ring, and guilty of many swindling and fraudulent transactions. Arnold says he has discovered silver mines in Kentucky worth \$300,000,000, and has bought for \$9,000,000 all the property in the locality of the mine.

William Wilson a prominent lawyer from Hardin, Ky., passed through here yesterday enroute to California, to bring a libel suit in behalf of Arnold against the parties connected with the charges of swindling brought against him. Wilson says he has been prospecting with Arnold, and knows he has made discovery of a silver mine and purchased property.

New York, Dec. 16.—Commodore Vanderbilt has abandoned, for the present at least, his under ground railroad through this city, and it is said he will apply to the next legislature to extend the road to the battery, when he expects to obtain from the city a large tract of land, whereon to build the depots and warehouses.

The Sunday press state that the murder of Claude Merri by her uncle, Robt. H. Blakely, was caused by her refusal to pay him a share of her earnings, as has been usual, and that he was her real seducer.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The disciplinary court has decided that it is legally incompetent to try the case of the Army bishop who was arraigned for inciting the chaplains to disobey the orders of the minister of war.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—By the caving of a ditch at the insane asylum four of the workmen lost their lives.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The rumors of Bismarck's resignation of the presidency of the Prussian counsel excite much comment among the newspapers, the opinion being that the leadership of the Prussian affairs in the German confederation is essential to the leadership of German affairs in Europe. Bismarck's retirement is likely to create an important crisis.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—The obsequies of Forrest took place from his residence to-day at 2 p. m. The body laid in state in the parlor, dressed in a full suit of black, with a laurel wreath on the head, a cross of immortelles on the breast, and a number of other floral offerings placed around the room. A large number of visitors viewed the remains.

London, Dec. 16.—Information has been received that eight persons who were believed to have perished by the stranding of the emigrant ship Franklin from Hamburg to San Francisco, were rescued.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The President

has sent to the senate the following nominations of postmasters: H. W. Brant, Los Angeles, Cal.; M. J. Waldron, Dallas, Oregon; J. M. Bacon, Oregon City and L. H. Wakefield, Portland, Oregon.

Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—The bill to remove the capital of West Virginia from Charleston to Wheeling passed the house yesterday by a vote of 33 to 30, but it is believed it will be defeated in the senate.

New York, Dec. 17.—It is understood that complete arrangements have been made with Colfax to take the editorship of the Tribune.

G. H. Bliss has been appointed U. S. District Attorney for southern New York.

New York, Dec. 17.—It is understood that in his will Elwin Forrest leaves his entire property, including his wardrobe and valuable library to be used for the foundation of a home for disabled dramatic artists. Sixty acres of ground within the limits of Philadelphia has been made over to the corporation of that city for that purpose and in after years those members of the dramatic profession whose lives have not been crowned with successful gains may enjoy the comforts of a beautiful home surrounded by reminders of their art. Forrest said to a friend less than a month ago that this project had been the main object of his life for the past thirty five years, and that he had made ample provision for carrying it out. It was his desire that the should be legally perfect that there could be no question before the courts about it, and further said that he wished his request to be so clearly understood that no one could doubt his motives.

London, Dec. 18.—The full text of President Grant's message has been published in the London Journals. The Times, in reviewing it, says the president appears reticent, formal, courteous—bowing to the diplomatic circle with all the urbanity of the old world, and states the main features of the message is a striking picture of prosperity, rapid progress of the country.

The Times approved the proposal for the Alaska boundary commission and praises the president's moderation towards Cuba—applauds the recommendation for a reduction of the army and adds, the president is about to enter upon his second term, finds the Union restored to its normal state at all points, but which still bears traces of the great war in the public debt and the disorganization of the South.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—A New York special says in view of the recent murders in this city, much more interest is centered in the Stokes trial than would otherwise have been done, and his counsel has remarked that at present it was not advisable to go to trial, the public mind being exercised against every one accused of murder, but at all risks Stokes wants his fate determined. His long imprisonment has broken down his health. His hair is almost entirely gray—he has grown thin and emaciated and is only a shadow of the man who on the sixth of January last entered the Tombs on the charge of murder.

Postmaster Eastman, of this city, has resigned to take effect February 15. It is understood Gen. John McArthur will be appointed to his place.

New York, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the board immigration to-day, a communication was received from Secretary Fish, stating that the United States Commissioner in Italy had been instructed to adopt measures to prevent a repetition of outrages upon emigrants.

The late S. N. Pike is reported to have left property to the value of eight million to New York, New Jersey, Cincinnati and in mines in Utah.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—A telegram has just been received announcing the death, in London, of Hon. Wm. Grose, Commissioner of mines and works in Nova Scotia.

Boston, Dec. 17.—In the legislature to-day, the majority reported back favorably the resolution introduced some days ago condemning the obnoxious bill, introduced into the senate by Sumner. The minority report was also presented. No action taken by the house.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Senate confirmed the following nomination of Indian Agent Wm. T. Hall, for the Navajoes, New Mexico.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—A Washington, special says it is positively stated that Colfax will take charge of the Tribune some time next week, arrangements having been fully consummated. His resignation of vice president will probably be presented on the re-assembling of Congress after holding recess. Colfax is very sanguine that he will be able to bring the Tribune up to its old standing and thinks he can steer clear of the maelstrom of New York politics, into which Greeley was always being drawn.

The following contribution on social cookery is evidently drawn from experience rather than observation:

Stuffing a Goose.—A young, innocent, confiding, just married goose, is the easiest to be studied. The following is a common process: She has been married about a month to a husband who has been a little fast; but he promises reformation, and starts off matrimonially by resolving to settle down and become a model family man. The first few weeks go off well; he spends every evening at home with the goose, who imagines there is to be no end to the honeymoon. But one day the husband meets a friend, and that friend badgers him about the constraint of married life, etc. The husband, afraid of being thought henpecked, resolves to spend that evening at his old resort, with his former cronies. Then commences the stuffing of the goose.

"I've got to go down to the office to-night, my dear," says he, "to see a man on very important business."

"And leave me all alone?" pouts she.

"So sorry, my dear, but it can't be helped."

"Can't I go, too?"

"Oh, it would be hardly worth while—I'll not be late—good-by; and away he goes, chuckling over the success of the operation.

After this, the goose is stuffed regularly, and with growing frequency. One night the husband comes home with his breath smelling of Bourbon.

"Medicine for the cholera, my dear."

Next he stumbles in drunk.

Sunstruck, my dear!

Finally, in most cases, the goose gets stuffed to her utmost capacity very soon, and refuses to absorb any more. Then the fires of conjugal contention are lighted, and then—

The Grand Rapids *Eagle* says: A young man named "Sandy" Gill, of Gaines, getting his first experience in logging in Hon. C. C. Comstock's lumber camp in the Town of Tyrone, after eating a hearty supper, went to bed the other night, not to sleep, but to dream and make the biggest jumps on record. He dreamed a tree was falling toward him, and he tried to escape. With a yell he jumped into the middle of the floor, then out

of a window four and a half feet from the floor, over two tree tops into the snow, striking on his feet nine feet from the building and thirty feet from his bed. He broke four 8x10 glass in going through the window, yet, strange to say, was not hurt at all.

Some of the bequees on Jose Maria Bandini's ranch, four miles below the California line, went on a fishing tour. The day's sport was not very successful, and a copious rain drenched them all to the skin. Montoya, one of the party didn't relish the discomforts, picked a quarrel with a man named Santiago and after words had ran high for a while Montoya drew a long bladed knife and plunged it into Santiago's heart. One Checan, who sided with Santiago in the quarrel had his body also cut in several places. Santiago is dead and Checan is shortly to be so, says the San Diego *Globe*.

The New *Polladium* says: "Our Shaker friends are seriously agitated on the subject of matrimony. The younger brethren and sisters are tired of celibacy, but the elders tell them if they want to marry they must leave the community. To this they object, as they consider that their just share of the wealth of the society, which they have helped to create by their labors, is much larger than the pittance offered those who leave. They will accordingly stay in the community and fight their battle out on that line. There can be little doubt the matrimonial party will finally win the day."

## NEW TO-DAY.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

I will sell at public sale, on Dec. 27th, 1872, 10 o'clock, a. m., all the effects of Samuel J. Seaman, deceased.

Sale to be had at Loma Parda. Private sale will be made of the property until the day of sale.

G. W. GREGG, Administrator.

La Junta, N. M., Dec. 6th 1872.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## Fort Lyon Bridge.

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